

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
THE SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF THE)
DEAF D/B/A COMMUNICATION SERVICE FOR)
THE DEAF (CSD) FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY**

TC01-026

On March 19, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from The South Dakota Association of the Deaf d/b/a Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD).

CSD proposes to sell prepaid calling cards to the general public. A proposed tariff was filed by CSD. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On March 22, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 6, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its April 17, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered CSD's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that CSD has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. CSD has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves CSD's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that CSD's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, effective May 18, 2001. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that CSD shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of April, 2001.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: _____

Date: _____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner